# GAMING DEVICE HAVING A BONUS SCHEME WITH MULTIPLE SELECTION GROUPS

### PRIORITY CLAIM

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## DESCRIPTION

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The present invention relates in general to a gaming device, and in particular to a gaming device having a bonus scheme with multiple selection groups which increase player excitement and enjoyment.

## BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

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Gaming machines currently exist with bonus schemes in which the player has one or more opportunities to choose a particular